THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) It has come to the notice of Ministry of Food Processing Industries that 'The Hindu' of 22.6.2003 carried a news item of a consumer complaint regarding a dead lizard found in Coca-cola bottle, in Chennai.

(b) and (c) The hygiene and quality parameters in fast food and soft drinks are maintained as per the provisions laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules made thereunder the Fruit Products Order, 1955. Steps such as regular inspections and drawing of samples are carried out at regular intervals to ensure compliance with laid down conditions of manufacture and product specifications. Specifications are applicable equally to indian and multinational companies.

Discrimination against Hindi and other Languages in Colleges of DU

†602. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Hindi and other languages are being discriminated in the colleges of Delhi University;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of the names appearing in cut off lists the students are not being enrolled as they do not have the knowledge of English;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would stop this type of practice against non-English speaking students and would take action against erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, admission to various undergraduate courses in the colleges of the University are made strictly on merit and no discrimination is done to the students of Hindi and other languages in the matter of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

their admission to these colleges. The inter-se merit of the students for admission to an undergraduate course is determined on the basis of the marks obtained by them in best four subjects, including one language, and there is equal consideration for all languages, including Hindi, in this regard.

Notification by UGC about some foreign and Indian universities

603. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has issued any notification warning the Public about several Foreign and Indian Universities whose degrees/diplomas are not recognised for academic or employment purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that some Management institutes operating in the country are openly advertising that their degrees/ diplomas, conferred by International Management Institute, Europe are globally renowned;

(d) if so, whether the aforesaid degrees/diplomas are officially recognised by Government; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to educate the public in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has issued a Press Release on 16.6.2003 about some fake universities functioning at various places in the country and advising the aspiring students not to pursue higher education courses with such self-styled universities as the degrees awarded by them are not recognized for academic or employment purposes.

(c) to (e) Though the Government does not have any specific information on the Management institutes awarding degrees of International Management Institute of Europe, with the economic and financial reforms set in motion by the Government, there has been